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# Safety Partnership



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Partnerships for Safety...

## Safety Partnership Updates:

### 1) Electrical Awareness Training Program

Electrical Awareness Training Classes started in late July and have been going very well. The following courses are being offered here at the IEC:

- 1) Arc Flash Safety Training
- 2) Electrical Safety Awareness for Electricians
- 3) Electrical Personal Protective Equipment
- 4) Electrical Work Practices

Please contact Charlotte for dates, times and pricing. Course descriptions will be posted on our website: [www.sarniasafety.com](http://www.sarniasafety.com)

### 2) Energy Control

A Safety Partnership Working Group has spent many hours working with the Ministry of Labour to come to a common agreement with respect to Complex Group Lock-out locally with respect to non-electrical energy sources. Senior MOL people have been actively involved with this working group in an effort that will likely have an influence on Provincial Legislation. Congratulations to all of those members who have worked hard for so long on this safety initiative.

### 3) Confined Space/ Safety Watch

The Safety Partnership Confined Space Working Committee is proposing to revamp the current Confined Space Entry class to better reflect the realities of what workers are experiencing with respect to the New Confined Space Regulation that came into effect on September 30<sup>th</sup> of 2006.

The new Confined Space Entry Course will be scenario-based and will address the following:

- 1) Hazard recognition and assessment
- 2) Hazard control or elimination plans and procedures
- 3) The new Confined Space Definition as of September 30, 2006
- 4) And finally, do the workplace scenarios lead the class work-groups to identify the space as a confined space?

The course will be "hands-on" and interactive with table groups looking at workplace scenarios typically found at local industrial sites. Furthermore the class will look at all aspects of Confined Space regulations including Safety Attendant, Gas Testing, Rescue Plans.

**Young Worker/ New Worker Orientation**

A Partnership Steering Committee Working Group is looking closely at what training local labour groups and contractors are providing for young workers or those workers that are new to industry.

If you have ideas that you would like to share, please contact Peter Stock at: [pstock@sarniasafety.com](mailto:pstock@sarniasafety.com).

**Confined Space Entry Scenarios**

The Confined Space Training course is being rewritten to include realistic workplace scenarios from local industrial workplaces.

Please forward to Peter any scenarios that we could use in our new course: [pstock@sarniasafety.com](mailto:pstock@sarniasafety.com)

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety Partnership FEBRUARY FORUM**

We are currently looking for a theme and a speaker for our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual February Forum. If you have ideas about what the Forum should be about and who could deliver that message, contact Peter Stock at: [pstock@sarniasafety.com](mailto:pstock@sarniasafety.com)

**September 2007 Calendar**

**National Arthritis Month**

**Ovarian Cancer Month**

**Special Weeks:**

- 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Aids Walk for Life Week
- 17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Prostate Cancer Awareness
- 30<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Mental Health Awareness

**Other (Apparently True) Monthly Themes**

- Fall Hat Month
- National Biscuit Month
- National Chicken Month
- National Honey Month
- National Potato Month - and don't forget...
- Talk Like a Pirate Day was September 19<sup>th</sup>!

**Now You Know!**

**THE MOL Reports that Falls Still Cause the Majority of Critical Injuries**

The latest Ministry of Labour statistics reveal that falls were responsible for 60% of all critical injuries in June, July, and August. Falls are preventable. Protect yourself.

**Contractor Statistics as of 2007 Quarter 2**

Good news as Contractor Total Recordable Injury Rate continues to stay below 1.0!

